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Applicant: R. Scopp, et al.

Serial No.: 09/669,082

Filed: September 25, 2000

For: METHODS AND KITS FOR
DECREASING INTERFERENCES IN
PLASMA OR SERUM CONTAINING
ASSAY SAMPLES OF SPECIFIC
BINDING ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: (Not yet assigned)

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Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
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Respectfully submitted,
R. Scopp, et al.

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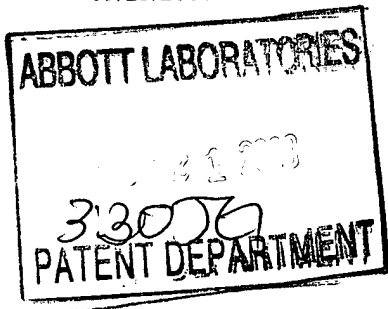


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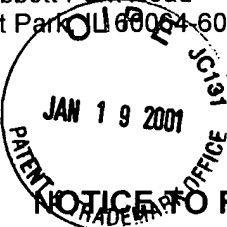


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- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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